OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: QUESTIONS/ITEMS TO COVER AT 1/8/02 MEETING

DATE 1/8/02 **CC:** FILE

Expected to attend:

Kelly Riley, Office of the Governor Peyton Prospere, Office of the Governor Suzanne Sharpe, IHL Carl Darlstrom, USA Funds Mitch Beard, Franklin Collections Lee Abraham, Abraham & Associates Tommy Smith, Smith Raschand

Background:

Student loan collections privatized in 1994 to USA Funds

Governor signs Executive Order designating a guarantor (RFP is optional; IHL signs contract; USDE has to approve)

USA Funds insures federal student loans in state and sub contracts out the collection

Situation:

Governor wants to bring some of this business back to MS

Could USA Funds continue to guarantee and sub-contract with a MS firm to collect?

If yes, what qualifications would a MS company have to meet? Licenses? Monetary requirements?

What is our timeframe for Governor designating a guarantor? For MS sub contractor?